

The University of Melbourne

Study Abroad & Exchange



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About

Founded in 1853, the University of Melbourne is a public-spirited institution that makes distinctive contributions to society in [research](#), [teaching and learning](#), and engagement. It is consistently ranked among the leading universities in the world, with international rankings of world universities placing it as number 1 in Australia and number 37 in the world (Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2024).

Programs

Exchange

If the University of Melbourne has an exchange partnership agreement with an [overseas institution](#), it is preferred those students apply for the exchange program. No tuition fees are payable to University of Melbourne.

Study Abroad

Students coming from a non-partner institution will need to apply for the study abroad program. Students may select subjects from any area as long as the subject is available for that semester, the student meets pre-requisites, and there are no [faculty restrictions](#). [Tuition fees](#) are payable to the University of Melbourne.

Home University Nomination

The University of Melbourne has moved to an online nomination process. Please nominate your students by clicking on the below link to our online nomination form.

[Click here to submit online nominations](#)

Application Deadlines

	Semester 2, 2025 (July-November)	Semester 1, 2026 (February - June)
Study Abroad & Exchange	1 May 2025	1 December 2026
Housing	Until full	Until full

Application

Students can start their application at any time. Application instructions will not be sent by our office to students. Students should follow the [steps to apply](#) on our website. A step-by-step guide which includes the online application link can be [downloaded here](#). It is strongly recommended that students follow the guide when completing their application.

Please note:

- Students can upload all their supporting documentation into the online application. Hard copy documents are not required.
- All supporting documentation must be in English or accompanied with an official English translation.
- Please provide your students with this fact sheet.

2025/2026 Semester Dates

Semester 2, 2025

Welcome Day (**compulsory**)
Orientation
Teaching period
Non-teaching period
Examination Period

Friday 18 July
Monday 21 July – Friday 25 July
Monday 28 July – Sunday 26 October
Monday 29 September – Sunday 5 October
Monday 3 November – Friday 21 November

Semester 1, 2026

Welcome Day (**compulsory**)
Orientation
Teaching period
Non-teaching period
Examination Period

Friday 20 February
Monday 23 February to Friday 27 February
Monday 2 March to Sunday 31 May
Friday 3 April to Sunday 12 April
Monday 8 June to Friday 26 June

Please note:

- Welcome Day is compulsory, more information is available on the [Welcome Day Website](#).
- View the full 2026 Academic Calendar [here](#).
- The above dates are current as of **January 2025** and may be subject to change.
- Students are required to remain in Melbourne until all assessment items are completed. Return airfares should be booked for dates after the end of the exam period.

Eligibility Criteria

- Completion of two semesters of full-time tertiary study outside Australia at the time of entry to the University of Melbourne.
- Above average results: the equivalent to a minimum 'C' average in the European system; or 3.0 grade point average from the North American system.
- Proof of [English language ability](#). (both UG and PG incoming Study Abroad and Exchange students are assessed at the UG level requirement)
- Full list of entry requirements are listed [here](#).

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Subject Load

Terminology

- **Course:** The overall degree or program studied. Study Abroad & Exchange students should apply for one of the following four courses only

EX-UG (Exchange Undergraduate)

SA-UG (Study Abroad Undergraduate)

EX-PG (Exchange-Postgraduate)

SA-PG (Study Abroad Postgraduate)

- **Subject:** A single unit within a course. You can search for all subjects using the [online handbook](#).
- The [Selecting Subjects](#) page is the best resource to assist you.
- Some faculties have subject restrictions and they are [listed here](#).
- There are over [400 undergraduate subjects](#) that do not have any prerequisite requirements.
- Students must enroll in a subject load of between 37.5 and 50 points (3 to 4 subjects) per semester.
- All subjects are taught in English (except for specific [language subjects](#)).
- Undergraduate students are only permitted to enroll in a maximum of one postgraduate subject.

Grading System

Grade	Standard Mark (%)	Description
H1	80-100	First Class Honours
H2A	75-79	Second Class Honours Division A
H2B	70-74	Second Class Honours Division B
H3	65-69	Third Class Honours
P	50-64	Pass
N	0-49	Fail

*Full Grading Scheme explained [here](#).

Schools and Faculties

The University has [seven campuses](#) around the state of Victoria with the main campus at [Parkville](#) near the city center of Melbourne. The University is divided into several faculties and graduate schools, [listed here](#).

Overseas Student Health Cover

The Australian Government requires all international students* studying on a student visa to have [Overseas Student Health Cover](#) (OSHC), from an **approved Australian provider**. Home country/institution insurance will not be accepted. No Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) will be issued until Global Learning receives proof that an OSHC policy has been purchased through the University of Melbourne or independently.

*Swedish, Norwegian and Belgian students are exempt from requiring OSHC.

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Visa Requirements

Students coming from overseas to study at the University of Melbourne (who are not Australian or New Zealand citizens) must have a valid visa to enter Australia. Most incoming students will apply for a **Student Visa (sub-class 500, non-award sector)**. Students can apply for a student visa once they receive the CoE (Confirmation of Enrolment) from the University of Melbourne via email. Students should research all visa options and apply through the [Department of Home Affairs](#) website.

Arrivals

The closest airport to the University of Melbourne is [Tullamarine Airport](#), which is approximately 20km from the city centre. The University offers a [free airport pick-up service](#) for study abroad and exchange students. Reservations should be made at least three days before your arrival.

Housing

Housing should be applied for as early as possible. Once the Study Abroad/Exchange application has been submitted, students can begin applying for housing using their UniMelb Student Number. All housing information and applications are contained through [this link](#).

Transcripts

The University of Melbourne uses a secure online system called [My eEquals](#) to distribute e-transcripts to all students approximately a week after results are released, provided there are no outstanding debts or withheld or incomplete results. Students can send a secure copy of their transcript by entering their home institution adviser's address into the system.

The City of Melbourne

Melbourne (population 5.3 million) is the capital city of the state of Victoria. It is the state's largest (and Australia's second largest) city. Consistently voted as one of the world's most livable cities, Melbourne is the cultural and sporting capital of Australia with many festivals and sporting events held throughout the year. These include:

- AFL season & Grand Final (Australian Rules Football)
- Australian Tennis Open
- Formula One Grand Prix
- Boxing Day Cricket Test
- Lunar New Year
- Moomba Festival
- International Coffee Expo
- Queer Film Festival
- International Comedy Festival

With 38% of the population born overseas and 140 cultures represented, Melbourne is extremely multi-cultural and welcoming of people from all backgrounds. Melbourne's food scene is world class and boasts more coffee shops per capita than any other city in the world!

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Student Support

Exchange and Study Abroad students have access to ongoing support during their application and studies at Melbourne. Students can contact an Education Abroad Advisor via email or web enquiry and can book virtual or in-person appointments. [Our Support Services page](#) also has helpful resources on setting up banking and mobile phone accounts, the healthcare and public transport systems, and nearby supermarkets and eateries.

In addition, Exchange and Study Abroad students are eligible for a range of support services via [Stop 1](#) (student services) at the University.

Emergency Contact Details

If there is an emergency regarding an international student at the University of Melbourne, you can call the following numbers:

Business hours: +61 3 8344 7452 (Monday – Friday, 9.00 am - 5.00 pm)
After hours: +61 3 8344 6666

If using the after-hours number, ask to leave a message for Global Learning, and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

For Emergency services (ambulance, fire service or police) dial '000' in Australia.

More Information

- [Melbourne Global Instagram Account](#)
- [Inbound Study Abroad & Exchange Blog](#)
- [Study Abroad & Exchange Home Page](#)
- [Study Abroad & Exchange Brochure](#)
- [University Home Page](#)
- [Support Services](#)
- [Visa Information](#)
- [Cost of Living](#)

Did you know Melbourne is famous for its street art? The University of Melbourne even has a subject called [Street Art](#) which allows students to explore and learn about the street art in Melbourne's laneways.



[Duckboard Place](#), Melbourne, VIC 3000

We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the Traditional Owners of the unceded lands on which we work, learn and live. We pay respect to Elders past, present and future, and acknowledge the importance of Indigenous knowledge in the Academy.

